

**Advent Evening Prayer 2020**  
**December 16, 2020**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

*Kindly share in the spoken responses at home with your device's microphone on mute in order to minimize background noises that will help maintain a worshipful atmosphere.*

***Dialogue:***

The Spirit and the church cry out:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

All those who await his appearance pray:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The whole creation pleads:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

***Hymn of Light:***

“O Light Whose Splendor Thrills” (ELW # 563 – pray along when sung by Pastor)

***Thanksgiving for Light:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you called light into being,  
and you set light in the sky  
to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day  
and a pillar of fire by night  
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:  
may your Word be a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path;  
for you are merciful,  
and you love your whole creation,  
and with all your creatures we give you glory,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Psalmody:***

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>I will establish your line forever,

and preserve your throne for all generations.”

<sup>19</sup>You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:

“I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

<sup>20</sup>I have found David my servant;

with my holy oil have I anointed him.

<sup>21</sup>My hand will hold him fast

and my arm will make him strong.

<sup>22</sup>No enemy shall deceive him,

nor shall the wicked bring him down.

<sup>23</sup>I will crush his foes before him

and strike down those who hate him.

<sup>24</sup>My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,

and he shall be victorious through my name.

<sup>25</sup>I will set his hand on the sea,

and his right hand on the rivers.

<sup>26</sup>He will say to me, ‘You are my father,

my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

***Reading:***

A reading from Mark.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (11:1-11)

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Response to the Reading:***

*The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection and brief comments by the Pastor.*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

***Gospel Canticle, Song of Mary***

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord” (ELW # 573 – pray along when sung by Pastor)

***Prayers:***

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Other petitions may be added.*

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*A time of silence follows.*

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer:***

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

***Blessing:***

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

***Hymn:***

“Light One Candle To Watch for Messiah,” ELW 240 (*sing along at home as you desire,  
but kindly keep your device's microphone on mute*)

## Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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